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TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

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- 1. EMBOFF TALKS WITH DIRGEN OF CIVIL AVIATION COL. ATILIO BONELLI ON MARCH 21 CLARIFIED PROBLEM OUTLINED REF A.
- 2. WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT GOU DOES CONSIDER NEW AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT A PRIORITY ITEM, BONELLI SAID THAT AGREEMENT WAS NOT LINKED TO PANAM SCHEDULE CHANGES.
- 3. BONELLI SAID THAT PANAM'S SCHEDULE CHANGES WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR OWN MERITS AND THAT THEY ARE NOW UNDER STUDY IN HIS AGENCY.
- 4. GOU HAS NO PLANS TO BEGIN AIR SERVICE TO U.S. DESIRE FOR A NEW AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT DERIVES FROM A RECENTLY REVITALIZED DAC, WHICH WANTS TO REGULARIZE ALL ITS BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENTS. WHILE CONCEDING THAT PRESENT AGREEMENT IS STILL IN FORCE, DAC DISLIKES ITS "PROVISIONAL" STATUS (AFTER 30 YEARS) AND WOULD LIKE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT, PERHAPS INCLUDING CHARTER FLIGHT PROVISIONS.

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5. AMEMBASSY WILL CONTACT DAC AND FONOFF OFFICIALS AGAIN, BUT

NO ACTION CAN BE EXPECTED DURING THIS HOLIDAY WEEK.

6. COMMENT: PANAM HAS APPARENTLY CREATED SOME ILL WILL AMONG URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES BY ITS USE OF MONTEVIDEO AS AN ALTERNATIVE AIRPORT TO BUENOS AIRES DURING RECENT DISPUTE WITH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. BONELLI CITED PANAM'S FREQUENT REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL LANDING PERMITS DURING THIS EPISODE (SEE MVD 307) AS REASON FOR PRESENT GOU DELAY. GOU NOW SEEMS DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT THEIR PROCEDURAL PROCESSES TO THE LETTER BEFORE APPROVING PANAM SCHEDULE CHANGES. RATHER THAN A ROUTINE SEASONAL CHANGE, THE GOU IS TREATING PANAM REQUEST AS NEW FREQUENCY APPLICATION. BONELLI APPARENTLY FEELS THAT PANAM HAS DISPLAYED A CAVALIER ATTITUDE IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE GOU.

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